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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

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Group Art Unit: 2136

Application No.: 10/665,419

Examiner: R. BAUM

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Docket No.: 113705

For: METHODS AND SYSTEMS FOR IDENTITY MANAGEMENT

REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In reply to the May 31, 2007 Office Action, reconsideration of the rejection is respectfully requested in light of the following remarks. Claims 1-26 are pending in this application.

The Office Action, in paragraph 4, rejects claims 1-5, 7, 9, 11-15, 17-19 and 21-26 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,018,739 to McCoy et al. (hereinafter "McCoy"). Additionally, the Office Action, in paragraph 17, rejects claims 6, 8, 10, 16, 20 and 26 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over McCoy. The Applicant respectfully traverses these rejections.

The Office Action asserts that McCoy teaches an identity management system to authenticate the identity of an individual including an enrollment work station to enroll the individual whose identity has been verified, and to issue an identification token. This assertion is incorrect. McCoy teaches a distributed biometric identification system, and architecture for rapidly identifying individuals using fingerprint and photographic data (col. 2,